

# Peep show

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For the best foliage, head online

**ROUNDUP** It's fall and you're already wishing you were outside instead of at work? Make plans online to enjoy the fall foliage in New England. The region claims some of the best leaf color and among its states, New Hampshire has a flashy Web site (<http://foliage.visitnh.gov>) to help you find its top spots. Look for the maple leaf on the bar above the dates, use your mouse to drag it to the week that fits your plans and check the map for a rough estimate of when the color will be peaking. You can also click on "Regional Reports" for more detail, but wait till they start up in the middle of September.

## 'What's new'

Or, instead of looking all over, just head to the Lakes Region ([www.lakesregion.org](http://www.lakesregion.org)) in east-central New Hampshire. Look under "What's New ..." for the "Fall Foliage Adventure" section, an overview of some of the things you can

do for fun while you're enjoying the foliage, such as riding horses at Cobble Mountain Stables or taking a leisurely cruise on the M/S Mount Washington on Lake Winnepesaukee. There are also suggestions for canoeing, driving and hiking trips to take in the fall color. While you're at it, check out their vacation package deals, and try out some of the virtual tours.

If lakes aren't your thing, go up into the White Mountains ([www.visitwhitemountains.com](http://www.visitwhitemountains.com)), where the fall foliage report says "the reds are gorgeous" this year. You can even see current photos. And when you need a break

from looking at the leaves, the "Things to Do" has two scenic loops for road trips, guides to covered bridges and waterfalls, hiking and biking tips and a helpful "Rainy Day Activities."

## Take your jackets

While you're in the White Mountains Web site's "Things to Do" department, be sure to study their section on Mt. Washington, the highest mountain in the Northeast at 6,288 feet. They have links to the Mount Washington Auto Road, if you don't mind driving, and the Mount Washington Cog Railway. Take your jackets and be prepared for wild weather extremes; the peak is the site of the private Mount Washington Observatory ([www.mountwashington.org](http://www.mountwashington.org))

## GOOD AS NEW

The top New Hampshire attractions, according to TripAdvisor:

1. Mount Washington Cog Railway, Mount Washington
2. Strawberry Banke Museum, Portsmouth
3. Bretton Woods Mountain Resort, Bretton Woods
4. Story Land, Glen
5. Franconia Notch State Park, Franconia

For more info, go to [www.tripadvisor.com](http://www.tripadvisor.com).

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MT. MONADNOCK, located in southwestern New Hampshire, is said to be the second most frequently climbed mountain in the world.